

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph at Page 18, Lines 12-21, as follows:

FIGURE 7 7A is a flowchart illustrating a method of auditing one or more data protection rules or managed systems according to one embodiment of the present invention. This flow chart illustrates example functions of audit and compliance tool 224. The method begins at step 700 where data protection rules are received and stored in rules database 210 of global data protection repository 200. In addition, managed system information is received at step 702 and stored in, for example, managed systems database 212. Metadata is extracted from the managed system information stored in managed system database 212 and stored in rules database 210 at step 704. Metadata is information used to define the managed system information stored in managed systems database 212.